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Dear Members of the House Finance Committee,

I am deeply concerned for House Bill 5012 and the detrimental effect it will have on RI Nursing Facilities. These are the very places that care for our most frail and vulnerable population in the state of Rhode Island. Servicing most facilities in the state we have seen the impact Covid- 19 has had, not only on the residents but on the wonderful caregivers of these residents.

Preventive Diagnostics Radiologic Technologists and Ultrasound Technologists have serviced these facilities 24 hours a day seven days a week without missing a beat even putting their own fears and fear of infecting their families aside. As a company we have had to do more with less due to cuts even when costs are higher do too increased PPE and safe practices.

Further cuts will only impact the quality care these vulnerable residents receive and will also impact my company personally as we rely on the nursing and certified nursing aide staff to assist in positioning to obtain a quality Radiologic exam so the Radiologist can interpret them properly thus preventing the facility from transporting residents out for exams further increasing cost and unneeded negative impacts on the resident.

If this bill passes facilities may have to close all together or close nursing units and will place the facility in an already financial crisis more deeply into crisis therefore placing our most vulnerable at greater risk.

I have been in this industry for over 31 years and have seen what wonderful things nursing facilities do for elderly from just the interaction to the skilled nursing care. Please consider what this will do and how this will cripple our industry if this bill passes.

Sincerely,

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